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*"THE ART OF WAR"*

## **"KNOW YOUR ENEMY"**

*"Spiritual warfare is not a struggle for power, it is a struggle for truth..."*

### **TWO QUESTIONS:**

1) **Who** is Satan?

2) **What** Are His Tactics?

### **10 TRUE THINGS ABOUT THE LIAR:**

1. **Satan is a Created Being.**
2. **Satan is Accountable to God.**
3. **Satan is NOT Omnipotent.** (Job 1:6-7)
4. **Satan is NOT Omnipresent.** (Job 1:6-7)
5. **Satan is NOT Permitted to Act Outside of God's Sovereign Permission.** (Job 1:8-11)
6. **Satan is a Real Supernatural Being, Active on the Earth.** (Job 1:12, 2:6)
7. **What Happens on Earth is Often an Outworking of What's Happening in the Spiritual Realm.** (Job chapters 1-2)
8. **Satan Hates God, God's People, Humanity, and All of Creation.** (Job chapters 1-2)
9. **Satan Loves Destruction, Devastation, and Death.** (Job chapters 1-2)
10. **Satan has Limited Power Now, and No Power in the End. He is a Defeated Foe.**



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## **WHAT ARE HIS TACTICS?**

*"The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy; I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full."*  
-Jesus, John 10:10

1. Satan **DISGUISES** Himself.
2. Satan **DISTORTS** God.
3. Satan **DECEIVES** You.
4. Satan **DESTROYS** Humanity.

## **HOW DO WE RESPOND?**

- 1) **KNOW** the Word.
- 2) **OBEY** the Word.



### **Discussion Questions:**

#### **Getting to Know Me**

1. As you've listened to the last two weeks of "The Art of War" sermon series, what have you found personally intriguing or helpful about diving into this topic?
2. How did the news of God's INCREDIBLE provision of 20 acres for a new school impact you? Describe what you experienced as you heard the news & the story of one couple's extraordinary generosity!
3. What are you personally grateful for as we head into Thanksgiving week? Where is God at work around you? What can you celebrate as His grace to you?

#### **Into the Bible/Sermon**

1. Read Job Chapters 1-2. Pastor Josh laid out "10 True Things About the Liar". As you review that list, which of the 10 true things about Satan were most encouraging for you? Why?
2. Pastor Josh stated, "Spiritual warfare is not a struggle for *power* but a struggle for *truth*." What does this statement mean? What is the relationship between *truth* and *power*? Why is the enemy so focused on distorting the truth?
3. Satan's tactics are to: *disguise* himself, *distort* God, *deceive* you, & *destroy* humanity. Where do you see these tactics at work in your own life? What about in your family? How about in our culture & nation?

#### **Application**

1. What was your main takeaway from the sermon? What truths were you reminded of? What challenged or encouraged you? What new insights did you learn about the nature of our enemy?
2. Our response to our enemy's schemes should be to 1) KNOW the Word, and 2) OBEY the Word. As you reflect on your life and daily habits, how well do you KNOW God's Word? What would it look like for you to get stronger in this area of your life?
3. How well do you OBEY the Word? Do you think the people who know you best would agree with your answer? What would it look like for you to grow in your obedience to Jesus?
4. What are your action steps following this sermon? What do you sense God calling you into? Is there a practical act of obedience God might be calling you to take?